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East Jordan Rotary Club 13th Annual Variety Show next Friday & Saturday

The Rotary Club of East Jordan is busy planning the 13th annual Rotary Variety Show, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th. Held at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School, show time is at 7:00 p.m. each night, and doors open at 6:00 p.m. for some great pre-show entertainment with Bob Bryan and the Full Circle band.

Rotarian Chip Hansen will be the show's Master of Ceremonies again this year. "If you love great music and slapstick comedy, then the Variety Show is a must see," he noted, adding, "and the bellylaughs are guaranteed!"

The show features the fabulous Rotary Chorus, supported by a great band. "The chorus and the band headline the show." Hansen said, noting, "the music will make you dance in the aisles again this year." "Bob Bryan and the Full Circle basically play a pre-show concert too," Hansen commented, "so if you like great music, come early!

The Rotary Variety Show is a team effort. Rotarians Mike Aenis and Mark Penzien coordinate the



(I-r) Amy Mickey, Jason O'Neal and Krisi Nowka celebrate The Village People's hit "YMCA" at the 2018 Rotary Variety Show

show's production team, which selects the chorus medleys, writes the skits and crossover acts, manages the rehearsals and, in general, plans the entire show. "We've got an amazing crew of creative Rotarians that help develop the

show," Aenis said. "We should probably sell tickets for the planning sessions, because there's some pretty good stand-up comedy on display there, too." Penzien agreed, saying, "the show brings our club closer together, and it's

been awesome to see what happens when talented people work together for the benefit of the community."

The pre-show begins at 6:00 p.m., so guests are encouraged to come early to enjoy music provided by Bob Bryan and Full Circle. General admission tickets are priced at just \$10 each and are available in East Jordan at Charlevoix State Bank and from any member of the Rotary Club. A limited number of reserved seats for each show are available for \$15 each plus fees at www.mynorthtickets.com. Tickets may also be available at the door, but in very limited quantities. According to Chip Hansen, the show always sells out. "The show has a following," he said, "so it's important to get your tickets early."

Proceeds from the show will be utilized in support of the good work the East Jordan Rotary Club does throughout the year including scholarship support for local students, youth leadership training programs, community improvement projects and more.

East Jordan

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Man Sentenced

Rex Allen Bartholomew III, 28, of East Jordan was sentenced April 12 in the 33rd Circuit Court to 28

months to 15 years in prison

for possessing methampheta

Bartholomew was on pa-

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Charlevoix County will run

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According to an affidavit

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Bartholomew tested positive

for methamphetamine in a

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September 20, 2018,

Charlevoix Easter Egg Hunt



op into Charlevoix on Saturday, April 20, for the Easter Egg Hunt, taking place In East Park at 2pm. Plan to spend some extra time, as there will be events from late morning until mid-afternoon to enjoy. Those in-

- 11am - 1:30pm; Start your day at the Easter Bunny Luncheon at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious meal with your family, then get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Picture This. Please call 547-4311 for reservations.

- 2pm; Charlevoix State Bank and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce team up to host the 27th Annual Easter Egg Hunt downtown in East Park at 2pm sharp. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt will include 7500 prize filled eggs provided by Charlevoix State



Hop into Charlevoix on Saturday, April 20, for the Easter Egg Hunt, taking place In East Park at 2pm. Courtesy photo

Bank. So bring your Easter basket and be ready at 2:00 p.m. sharp so you don't miss out!

-2-3pm; In addition to the Egg Hunt, Charlevoix State Bank will offer face painting and balloon animals by Twister Joe, northern Michigan's favorite balloon artist. There will also be complimentary hot cocoa courtesy of Stafford's Weathervan and cookies provided by Subway.

Keep an eye out for Stafford's Easter Bunny who will be hopping around East Park spreading some Easter cheer during the egg hunt. To have a professional photo of your kid's taken with the Easter Bunny, call Picture this at (231) 547-4311 for a reservation.

We hope to see you there for an EGG-stra fun day in Charlevoix! For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 231.547.2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

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Marlin B. Sweet, 85

(MARCH 14, 1934 - APRIL 12, 2019)



Marlin B. Sweet of East Jordan died Friday, April 12, 2019, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He was born on March 14, 1934, in Charlevoix, the son of Claude and Velma (White) Sweet. On July 3, 1954 in East Jordan, he married Glenda M. Derenzy. She preceded him in death on October 18, 2010.

Marlin had worked 42 years for Dura and retired

He enjoyed camping and watching Great Lakes freighters.

He is survived by four children, Victoria (Gary) Shankle of East Jordan; Marlin C. (Gwendolyn) Sweet of East Jordan, Lynn C. Sweeney of East Jordan and Kay (Kirk) Ralph of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada; thirteen grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by

one grandson, Brandon Sweet; two great grandsons, Devon Huffman and Josiah Ralph; and three brothers, Melvin, Frank and Fred "Pete" Sweet.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Road, East Jordan, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727. Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Shirley Farrell, 82

(MAY 17, 1936 - APRIL 10, 2019)



We rejoice in the life and legacy of Shirley Ann Farrell, who went to be with the Lord at the age of 82. She was born and raised in Ellsworth, Michigan by her parents, Maynard and Pearl Alward. Shirley was a devoted wife for 66 years of

marriage, a caring mother to three children and their spouses, a grandmother to eight, and a great-grandmother to seven.

Shirley married her high school sweetheart, Chester Farrell, on December 22, 1952. Early in their marriage, when their daughter Sheila was just 2 years old, Shirley drove across the United States and settled in Washington state to be with Chester as he served our country from 1955-1957. Upon finishing his service, together, Shirley and Chester launched their real estate and hospitality careers. Shirley started off waitressing at the Shanty Creek Resort while Chester worked at Morweld's Steel Company. From there, they opened the Farrells' Resort in Ellsworth and then grew to own and operate the Villa Moderne Motel in Charlevoix. Their strong relationship and work ethic helped them build a business from the ground up, a value she passed onto her children.

Shirley and Chester spent 34 years traveling each winter to Florida including many other adventures from Paris to Hawaii, and all across the United States in their RV. You never saw Shirley without a handful of gladiolus in the summer (and if not gladiolus, cinnamon rolls)! She loved her garden, and their 120 acre farm property where they retired and called home. One of her many secret talents was writing heartfelt poems for those she loved.

Shirley was an extraordinary example of faith and love to her children: Sheila. Brian and Glenda. The dinner table was a sacred place where she would welcome her family and those in need every Sunday after church. She was steadfast in prayer and generosity to all she held dear

She is preceded in death by her parents, Maynard and Pearl Alward; her brothers, Bill and Jerry Alward; her sister, Donna Heeres and her son; Charles Farrell. She is survived by her husband, Chester Farrell; daughter Sheila (Mark) Essenberg; son Brian (Cindy) Farrell; daughter Glenda (Jeff) Wilhelm: her grandchildren, Sara, Marie, Elly, Anthony, Austin, Abby, Grace and Anna; her great grandchildren, Molly, Max, Jadon, Parker, Gibson, Ximena and Eric; her sisters, Polly Strange, Betty Alward and brother, Ray Alward.

A service celebrating her life was held April 14 at Eastport Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be given to First Friday Praise and Worship c/o Eastport Baptist Church, PO BOX 2, Eastport, MI 49627 or Community Recovery Alliance, 1180 Winnell Court, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Arrangements have been handled by the Ellsworth Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

Edward J. Kaskey, 94

(JAN. 1, 1925 - APRIL 9, 2019



Edward J. Kaskey of Charlevoix passed away

peacefully in his home on April 9, 2019, where he had resided for 75 years.

He is survived by a son Edward Jr. (Greta) Kaskey, a sister Mary Ann, stepdaughter Marguerite, 14 grandchildren and many more great and great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his best friend, Tom Keie, who he enjoyed many years with and had taken good care of Ed during his time of need.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, Donna, and a stepdaughter, Patsy (Emma).

Ed is dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew

Visitation will take place on Sunday, April 21 from 3-5 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Funeral services will be on Monday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. also at the funeral home with Sara Goldberg officiating.

Burial will follow services on Monday at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Center, 6906 Norwood St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

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John J. Gagnon, 83

(APRIL 4, 1936 - APRIL 7, 2019)



John Jay Gagnon, known to his wife as "Dip" and to his grandchildren as "Woods Grandpa," passed away quietly in his sleep in the early morning of Sunday, April 7, 2019 at his home in Charlevoix, MI. He was 83 years-old and the husband of Carol (Boucher) Gagnon. They shared fiftyfive years of marriage together.

Born April 4, 1936 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. John was the son of William and Ella Gagnon. He was raised in Cedarville, and he enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of nineteen. Participating as a medical technician, it was during this time that he obtained both his preliminary skills as an Xray technician and a sailor vocabulary that would remain with him for life. He served his country for five years.

In 1962, John met his wife, Carol, at the Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital. Their children would later report this as symbolic. The two were married in May of

John obtained his X-Ray Technician Certification from St. Mary's School in Grand Rapids, MI in 1964, whereupon he moved to Charlevoix, where both husband and wife began careers at Charlevoix Area Hospital. It was there that John worked in X-ray for five years, after which he courageously made the move to pursue his dream of becoming a teacher. Accepted at Central Michigan University, the young family moved to Mt. Pleasant,

where John earned his BS in Early Childhood Education. Upon graduation, he returned with his family to Charlevoix, where he had been offered a teaching job at St. Mary's Catholic School. Here he was known for his practical jokes with the staff, his wooden paddle, and his winter class iceskating parties at his home. A teacher for fourteen years, he loved his job with the students, and, despite his no-nonsense style, former students remember him fondly, as well.

John returned to his role as an X-ray technician for Charlevoix Area Hospital in 1998, maintaining this role for three years. He then transitioned to the role of medical courier for the Northern Michigan area, where he self-proclaimed that he was "on emergency medical call."

An avid outdoorsman, John enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, tending to his yard, and continually trying to outwit the squirrels. He regularly tended to the wildlife and adored his cat, Oiler, who took pleasure in watching Jeopardy with him. He loved to tell stories, and you could be sure that sixty-percent of every story was true. He will be remembered for his (often) inappropriate jokes, his colorful language, and his love of Duct Tape.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children, David (Theresa) Gagnon of Petoskey; Michelle (Ed) Drapeau of Traverse City, Cheryl (Rob) Wegener of Brighton; and MaryBeth Gagnon of Juneau, AK, as well as his two grandchildren, Madison and Matthew Wegener. He also leaves sisters-in-law Gail Addy of Fenton, Linda Crittenden of Davison, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ella; his step-siblings Kenneth, Floyd, Clifford, Robert, William, Leonard, and Annabel; and brothersin-law Donald Crittenden and Tom Addy.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 23, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Mortensen Funeral Home, 209 State St., Charlevoix, with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchester Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in memory of John on Wednesday, April 24, at 12:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1005 Bridge St., Charlevoix.

Memorial donations in memory of John may be sent to Hospice of West Michigan, St. Mary's Catholic School of Charlevoix, or the Charlevoix Humane Society. Messages of condolence and memories of John are welcome at www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

William H Block, 81

(AUG. 31, 1937 - APRIL 3, 2019)



William H. (Bill) Block of Charlevoix/Norwood passed away peacefully on April 3, 2019. Bill was born in Detroit to William and Louise Block and grew up in Detroit. He later attended Wayne State University where he received Bachelors and Masters Degrees in education and furthered his education by taking doctoral classes at WSU.

Bill served in the Warren Consolidated School District for most of his career both as an elementary school science teacher and as school principal. He also served as the President of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principal's Associa-

After retirement, Bill moved north and enjoyed a rich retirement life. His varied interests included fishing and hunting, gardening, wood carving - particularly award winning duck decoys, scuba diving, camping, and traveling. He was an excellent cook, hosting many gourmet dinners for friends and family.

Bill served several for years as the Zoning Administrator of Norwood Township and as Ranger at Charlevoix Golf Club and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Bill is survived by his three children: John (Annette) of Traverse City, Robert (Susan) of Cumming, GA, and Jennifer (Mouhib) of Rochester Hills. Grandchildren: Veronica (Brooks), Alex, Jacob, Daphne, Emma, Luke, Harrison and Rachel. Brothers; Roger (Joan) of Brooklyn, MI and Kenneth (Cecile) of Farmington Hills and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, April 13 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The family wishes to extend their thanks and gratitude to the staff at American House for their kindness and care. If you wish to make a memorial gift in Bill's name, please make them to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements have been handled by the Winchester Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Online guestbook www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com

Royce Edward DeLaney, 90

(JULY 16, 1928 - APRIL 9, 2019)

Royce Edward DeLaney died at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan, on April 9, 2019.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date and will be announced with a full obituary.

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News

Michigan Community Capital announces updated Boyne City Project plans

Boyne City spoke and Michigan Community Capital (MCC) listened. Today MCC is pleased to share updated plans and designs for the mixed-use project being proposed at 100 and 120 North Lake Street and 114 State Street. The development team previously met at the Boyne City Planning Commission on February 18, 2019 and received feedback from Planning Commissioners, City staff and the community. Based on that input, the development team has worked over the past several months to update designs to better align with the community's vision.

The original proposal was for a four story, 45 foot tall, building that included 48 apartments, 8,840 square feet of retail space and 61 parking spaces. The new proposal is for a three story, 40 foot, building that includes 42 apartments, 9,025 square feet of retail space and 72 dedicated parking spaces. Major changes have also been made to the exterior of the building, including: adding cornices; increasing variation of building materials and sidewalk frontage to better fit with surrounding architecture; making the development feel more like separate



MCC is pleased to share updated plans and designs for the mixed-use project being proposed at 100 and 120 North Lake Street and 114 State Street. Courtesy image

buildings through variation of materials and building footprint; and extending the building further east on State Street. The revised plans are available for review at the Boyne City Hall or on its website: www.city-ofboynecity.com . The revised plan has recently been reviewed and unanimously supported by Boyne City's Main Street Design Committee.

The development, Lofts on Lake Street, LLC, will be owned and operated long term by Michigan Community Capital. MCC is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity.

Their mission is to invest in housing developments in underserved markets, focusing on housing for individuals and families that meet the criteria of 61%-120% of the county's average median income. MCC retains long term, majority ownership of its projects to ensure the residential units remain apartments that meet its

More information about MCC can be found at www.michigancommunity-capital.org . Once complete, the development will be managed by a professional management company as well as an on-site man-

mission criteria.

ager/maintenance professional.

Apartment leases will be a minimum of 12 months and target year-round residents of Boyne City. The apartment sizes range from 400-750 square feet. The retail space currently does not have an identified tenant. but the project seeks a restaurant to utilize the planned outdoor dining space as well as several additional retail or professional office tenants. Interested commercial tenants are encouraged to contact the development team.

The project team will again meet the Boyne Plan-



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The new proposal is for a three story, 40 foot, building that includes 42 apartments, 9,025 square feet of retail space and 72 dedicated parking spaces. Courtesy image

ning Commission for preliminary review on Monday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall to receive additional feedback. The project will apply for final site plan approval at the Planning Commission's May 20th meeting. Once approved the project team, during the summer and fall of 2019, will continue to finalize the project including: selecting a construction management firm, finalize funding partners and obtain other necessary local and state approvals. Construction could take place beginning in late 2019 or early

2020. Michigan Community Capital is excited and proud to be investing in Boyne City and hopes to receive the local support necessary to move the project forward.

Questions or comments regarding Michigan Community Capital or the Lofts on Lake Street project can be forwarded to Marilyn Crowley at Michigan Community Capital at 517.803.0634 or Marilyn@micap.org.

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Boyne City named a Tree City USA Community

The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service has announced that Boyne City has been awarded the designation of Tree City USA for the 15th straight year.

"We commend Boyne City's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest" said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and heath benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority"

In observance of Arbor Day, Boyne City's annual seedling giveaway will take place on Thursday, April 25 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at City Hall. This year the city will be giving away White Pine, Norway Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, Highbush Cranberry and Red Osier Dogwood. Come early for the best selection. We are asking that each individual limit their selection of trees to a total of two bundles

With continued efforts through Boyne City's Urban Forestry and street tree programs the city is currently taking names and address of city residents who would like to have a tree either planted, trimmed or removed from the city right – of – way at their property.

For additional information about any of the tree programs offered by the city, please contact Tim Faas, Public Works Director at (231) 582-0375.



Boyne Falls Public Schools

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Jenna Stolarski

Grade: Boyne Falls Preschool – Little Loggers Classroom

Parent's Name(s): Jason and Katie Stolarski

Favorite Book: "The Tickle Monster" by Josie Bissett

Hobbies and Interests: Jenna adores playing with her L.O.L. Surprise Dolls and her baby dolls. She also enjoys watching television.

School Activities: Jenna likes to play with all of her friends while at school. In our classroom, her favorites are the animals, the puzzles and the doll house.

Staff Comments: Jenna has been a great addition to the Little

Loggers classroom at Boyne Falls Preschool. She is always helpful in the classroom and follows the routine very well. She is always comforting friends and helping them throughout the day. She is a wonderful role model and she is a friend to everyone. We are very lucky to have Jenna in our classroom this year.

Submitted By: Ms. Monica (Halbert) & Ms. Holly (LaCombe)

Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree

Old time fiddlers and musicians, callers and dancers from around the state will gather at the East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane (The alley between Main & Second Streets), in downtown East Jordan on Saturday, April 27 from noon to 10pm to celebrate old time fiddle and dance. Look for the "Fiddlers 3" banner. Admission is by donation at the door.

During the Jamboree proper, noon to 5pm, fiddlers of all ages and abilities will share up to three of their favorite old time tunes/songs accompanied by other acoustic musicians should they so desire. The Gaylord Youth Strings will perform at 1:30pm and sound equipment will be provided by the Blissfest Music Organization. Impromptu "jam sessions" are encouraged in the "Front Room" of the Civic Center and outdoors, weather permitting.

An open mic will be offered from 5-6:30pm and participants do not necessarily need to have a fiddle in the group to perform. Those who desire to participate do need to sign up at the registration table beginning at 11:30am.

The dance will run from 7-10pm and will include round, square and line or contra dances from traditions around the country. Many of the dances will be taught, no experience nor partner is necessary to participate. Music will be provided by the musicians in attendance at the event.

Light refreshment, including pizza and sandwiches, will be available on



Old time fiddlers and musicians, callers and dancers from around the state will gather at the East Jordan Civic Center, 101 Civic Center Lane (The alley between Main & Second Streets), in downtown East Jordan on Saturday, April 27. Courtesy photo

site. Restaurants are nearby and attendees may bring their own food.

Proceeds, after expenses, generated by program ad sales, donations at the door, and sales of items at the event, are used to provide scholarships to persons of any age who wish to study old time fiddle (or other acoustic instrument), dance calling or old time dance. Applications will be available at the registration table and are due by May 21 at the address on the applications.

"The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree Board is very excited to offer this opportunity to the area," said Board President, Ron Fowler. "This is a unique opportunity to celebrate something that belongs to all of us because somebody cared enough to learn it and pass it on. So, come and play your fiddle, accompany the fiddlers with your

acoustic instrument, call your favorite dances, dance to those calls or just enjoy the music!"

He went on to say that this kind of activity is one of the few truly multi-generational activities available to us anymore and that musicians, callers, and dancers of any age can connect with musicians, callers and dancers from another time by playing the tunes and dancing the dances that they did.

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree Facebook Page may be viewed at https://www.facebook.com/JVFJinc . Fiddlers, musicians, and callers will register beginning at 11:30 AM at the registration table and will perform in the order that they sign up.

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree, Inc is a Michigan nonprofit, consisting of 3-12members located in Northern Michigan, whose mission is: "To promote, maintain and pass down traditions of old time fiddle music and dancing." Currently, this is achieved by offering an annual jamboree and dance with the proceeds, after expenses, distributed to applicants interested in pursuing some course of study related to the playing old time fiddle music, dance calling or old time dance. The organization raises money by: selling ads in its annual program, taking donations at the door the day of the event and offering food and other items the day of the event. Ron Fowler did note that the organization is 6 members shy of a full board and that the current board could really use some help. Interested persons may find out more by contacting Fowler at 231-526-9924.

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News Briefs

CHARLEVOIX

CREATIVE MARKETING SEMINAR

18, 9am-noon, Charlevoix Public Library. Participants will learn how to leverage community events as a viable marketing strategy, Get Your Business Online with Google, and even to create customer databases that can work for you. The speaker will be Annie Olds of the Michigan Small Business Development Center. Boyne City Main Street members are able to register at a special rate. Please contact 231-582-9009 for registration information and to obtain the coupon

BOYNE CITY

CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

April 18, 5:30-7:30pm. Hosted by Coldwell Banker Schmidt, 128 Water Street. They will have a boat on display from Tommy's, a variety of tasty treats, complimentary beverages and an awesome giveaway basket compliments of Barrel Back & Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors. Admission, hors d'oeuvres and beverages are complimentary.

PETOSKEY

NCMC LECTURE: DARK **SNOW & CLIMATE CHANGE**

April 16, 7pm, Main Classroom Building, Room 122. Peter Sinclair will discuss the latest global climate change information from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) 2018 report. He will also discuss his personal work with climate scientists on the mystery of the dark snow and its effect as well as some local climate change impacts on Michigan and solutions. Free. No reservations are necessary for either lecture.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

April 19. Charlevoix County Transit will be close Friday, April 19th in observance of Good Friday; normal service hours will resume on Saturday, April 20th.

BOYNE CITY

FRESHWATER CONCERTS PRESENTS NELLIE MCKAY

April 20, 8pm, Freshwater Art Gallery, 217 S. Lake Street. Nellie's music has been featured in Grev's Anatomy, Rumor Has It, Monster-in-law, Weeds, GasLand, Terrible Thrills. Boardwalk Empire, Downtown Express, Nurse Jackie, Mad Men, NCIS and others. Her concerts are filled with great stories, wonderful tunes and humor. Tickets; \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call (231) 582-2558 to reserve.

BOYNE CITY

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 11am, Young State Park. Open to children ages 10 and under. The first 100 kids will be entered into a drawing for a centennial prize. Participants should meet at the park's day use area. While the kids are hunting, parents and other visitors can enjoy a bonfire, hot cocoa and cookies. To enter the park, you'll need a state park Recreation Passport, a \$16 annual pass available at the park. Info: 231-582-7523.

CHARLEVOIX

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 20, 2pm, East Park. The event is free for children up to 10 years old. Age groups are 2 years old and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years. The hunt will include 7500 prize filled eggs. So bring your Easter basket and be ready at 2:00pm sharp so you don't miss out. Other activities from 2-3pm - East Park; Face Painting compliments of Charlevoix State Bank, Hot Cocoa provided by Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Cookies compliments of Subway, Twister Joe sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, A visit from the Easter Bunny compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Plus 7500 prize filled eggs & Easter Egg shaped Bubbles.

EAST JORDAN

99TH ANNUAL ROTARY **FATHER AND SON BANQUET**

April 20, 6pm, East Jordan High School. Included Father of the Year presentation and a presentation by Wings of Wonder raptor sanctuary. Adults; \$10, Students; \$5, Preschool; Free. Tickets are available from East Jordan Rotary members, East Jordan Chamber or at the door. For additional information contact Gary Roberts at (231) 675-

EAST JORDAN

EASTER FUN & GAMES

April 20, 10am, East Jordan Elementary School Gymnasium. Join the Easter Bunny for some free fun, games, candy and prizes. There will be 2 bikes and 2 fishing poles given away. Presented by the East Jordan Lion's Club. Presented by the East Jordan Li-

BOYNE FALLS

EGG HUNT

April 21, 11am, Boyne Mountain. With the Easter Bunny and Fritz in the Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa courtyard. Three age divisions: 3 and under, 4-7, 8-12.

BOYNE CITY

IDENTITY OF JESUS EXAMINED

April 21, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The program, titled "Who Was Jesus—Really?" features a filmed interview with Greg Stier, author of Outbreak, and Rick Lawrence, author of The Jesus-Centered Life Both men share their insights about the historical Jesus and what influenced their conclusions about the identity of Jesus. Polls indicate a large majority of Americans believe Jesus walked the earth. But a smaller percentage say he should be considered the Son of God. Participants will have the opportunity to share their own thoughts concerning the identity of Jesus. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

IRONTON

EASTER BREAKFAST April 21. He Is Raised! To

celebrate our Risen Christ, you are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:30am Easter morning. The Ironton Congregational Church is located at 03582 Washington Street in Ironton. A joyful celebration service will follow at 11am. All are welcome.

CHARLEVOIX

RESTAURANT WEEK

April 22-28. Special meal deals at participating Charlevoix area restaurants eateries. charlevoixrestaurantweek.com

ELLSWORTH

KINDERGARTEN

ROUNDUP April 23, 9am-2pm and

4pm-6pm, Ellsworth Commu-

nity School For appointment call (231) 588-2544.

EAST JORDAN

OFF THE CUFF

April 25, Noon-1pm, Las Maracas Mexican Restaurant. Join East Jordan's City, Chamber and School Leader for an informal gathering to ask your questions and hear about current projects and events. Be informed and share your thoughts in a casual venue. Enjoy lunch or a soda and great conversation.

EAST JORDAN

13TH ANNUAL EAST JORDAN ROTARY VARIETY SHOW

April 26 & 27, Community Auditorium. Showtime is at 7:00 p.m. each night at the Community Auditorium, and the doors open at 6:00 p.m. Patrons will once again enjoy great music with Bob Bryan and Full Circle, and the great slapstick comedy that is the hallmark of every show. Reserved seats are limited to 100 for each show and are available for \$15 + internet fees at www.mynorthtickets.com. General admission tickets are available for \$10 each and are available from any Rotarian, and at Charlevoix State Bank.

EAST JORDAN

FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

April 27, noon-10pm, Civic Center. The Jordan Valley Fiddlers Jamboree will take place from noon - 5pm with a dance from 7 - 10pm. Old time fiddlers and musicians, callers and dancers from around the state will gather at the East Jordan Civic Center in downtown East Jordan to celebrate old time fiddle and dance. Come and play your fiddle, accompany the fiddlers with your acoustic instrument, call your favorite dances, enjoy the music and/or dance to the calls. Everyone is welcome. Look for the "Fiddlers 3" banner. Admission is by donation at the door.

BOYNE CITY

ONE MAN'S PATH TO HEROIN ADDICTION EXPLORED

April 28, 6:30pm, Lifetree Cafe. The societal impact of heroin addiction will be examined at Lifetree Café on Potluck Sunday, April 28 at 5:30/6:30. Bring a dish to share. The program, titled "The Heroin Addict Next Door: One Man's Painful Story," features a filmed interview with Rocky Romano, a former heroin addict. During the interview, Romano explains that his downward spiral began with alcohol and grew worse from there. This Lifetree episode will also explore whether a connection exists between early childhood trauma and self-destructive behavior. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is in the First Presbyterian Church. 401 S. Park St., Boyne City. Use the Pine St. entrance.

CHARLEVOIX

GROW WITH GOOGLE SEMINAR

April 30, 8-9:30am, Charlevoix Public Library. Learn how customers find your business online and how to promote your online presence using search engine optimization and online advertis-We will introduce tools that will help you run your business online, including Google Analytics and Trends. Light breakfast and coffee provided. Free workshop for Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan Chamber members. \$5 per person for non members. Register at charlevoix.org

CHARLEVOIX

SHARPS DROP-OFF

May 8, 9am-1pm, McLaren Family Medicine, 1404 Bridge Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777.

WALLOON LAKE

VERNAL POOL PATROL TRAINING WORKSHOP May 11, 9am-2pm, The Tal-

cott, 4060 M-75 North. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that are important for maintaining healthy forest ecosystems. Get your team together (family, friends, anyone!) to learn all about vernal pool ecology and how to identify these unique pools. We will visit a vernal pool nearby and practice monitoring a vernal pool in the Walloon Lake watershed. BRING: Knee boots or hiking boots. Dress in field gear for walking around in the woods: long pants, long sleeve shirts, hats, etc. Bring a brown bag lunch and water. Beverages will be provided. Free. To register contact Heather Huffstutler; heather@walloon.org or (231) 535-6112.

BOYNE CITY

ANNUAL CRAFT BEER BLOCK PARTY

May 16, 5-9pm, downtown. The 5th Annual Craft Beer Block Party will kick off the 59th Annual National Morel Mushroom Festival again this year. featuring craft breweries, plus wineries, restaurants and live music from Jedi Mind Trip. The block party draws a big crowd to the middle of downtown Boyne City with the 100 block of South Lake Street blocked off for all the festivities.

BOYNE CITY

NATIONAL MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL

May 16-19. Highlights include an Arts & Crafts Show, Carnival Rides, Morel Outdoor Recreation Guided Mushroom Hunt, Wine & Dine Gourmet Dinner, Competitive Mushroom Hunt. The Taste of Morels and the Great Morel Giveaway. Full schedule

www.morelfest.com.

EAST JORDAN

SHARPS DROP-OFF June 19, 9am-1pm,

McLaren Northern MI, 915 Mill Street. Sharps need to be in an approved hard impermeable plastic container. For needles only. Free. Info at 800-248-6777

BOYNE CITY

FARMERS MARKET

Boyne City Hall, Saturday's, 9 am - Noon. . The Boyne City Indoor Farmers Market is located in the main lobby and training room of the City Facilities Building, which is located across the street from the summer market location in Veterans Park. Twenty vendors are confirmed for the indoor market. For more information on the market, visit the Boyne City Farmers Market Facebook page or email farmersmarket@boynecity.com

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EAST JORDAN

OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

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East Jordan Senior Center, 951 Mill Street. Everyone welcome. Free coffee and snacks with a small charge for pizza and water.

BOYNE CITY

KINDER CLOSET

At Christ Lutheran Church is open from 10am to noon on the second Saturday of every month. Free baby items are provided, including diapers; wipes; clothes and more, for any Charlevoix County parent with a newborn to 24 monthold-child. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1250 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. For more information, call 231-582-9301.

EAST JORDAN

CITY COMMISSION NOMINATING PETITIONS DUE APRIL 23 The City of East Jordan is

accepting candidate nominating petitions for the upcoming city commission election in November. Four seats on the city commission will be up for election term fulfillment in the November 5 general election. Those seats are currently occupied by Andrew Boyer, Abigail Hawley, Tracey Johnson and Paul Timmons. To be eligible to run for election, a person must be a registered voter in the city office a person shall have been a registered and qualified elector of the City for the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of nomination and continuously thereafter. A person shall not be eligible for election who is in default to the City. Any qualified person wishing to run for one of the seats must submit a nominating petition signed by not less than 30 and no more than 45 registered city voters. Petitions may be picked up at city hall between 8am. -5opm, Monday through Friday. Petitions must be submitted to city hall by 4pm on Tuesday, April 23. Terms of office will expire in 2023 for those filling the 4 seats available.

CHARLEVOIX

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS Held at Munson Healthcare

Charlevoix Hospital Wellness Workshop, 411 Bridge Street. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information.

- Hatha Yoga, every Monday and Friday 7:30-8:30am. The yoga sequences, along with breath work and relaxation techniques will assist in building strength, stamina, flexibility, balance, and increasing body awareness. The use of props, blocks, or blankets make poses easily modified to suit the individual. All levels of fitness are welcome and modifications will be provided as needed. The class is taught by Lisa Hepner is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospi-

Wellness Wednesday, every Wednesday from 8am-11am. Health screens include: Total Cholesterol, HDL, TC/HDL Ratio, Glucose Level. Body Mass Index Score, Muscle and Fat Percentages, and a Blood Pressure Reading. No fasting is required. However, if you are fasting and LDL and Triglyceride reading can also be obtained. Cost for the service is \$15. Hemoglobin A1C Levels can also be done for known or borderline diabetics for an additional \$10. Participants will receive all test results at the time of the screening and a "Know Your Numbers" log to track progress. A Registered Nurse will adapt health consultation and educational materials to individual results. Walk-ins only, no appointment required. - Full Body Toning Exercise

Class, every Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm. The first class

is free as are all yoga and strength training classes. If you enjoy your first class, lowcost punch cards available and are good for any of our classes. Call (231) 437-3482 for more information or email chx-wellness@mhc.net to have our calendar emailed to you monthly.

BOYNE CITY

FREE COFFEE, **DOUGHNUTS & LUNCH FOR VETERANS**

The community of Boyne City will be hosting a free social gathering for all veterans from 9 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Coffee and doughnuts will be donated by supportive area businesses. The senior center will also offer free lunches to all veterans on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting in January. The senior center is located at 411 E. Division

CHARLEVOIX

Hospice of Northwest Michigan invites you to join our Monthly adult grief, loss & bereavement support group, which takes place the 2nd Sunday of each month from 4-5pm at the First Baptist Church, 6781 M66 North. This program is open to anyone in our community looking for assistance in their grief process and is facilitated by Rev. David Behling. There is no charge to attend. Please feel free to call Hospice at 231-547-7659 to register or for more information.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan provides counseling and support services at no cost to survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, child sexual assault and adults molested when they were children. Support services include crisis counseling, individual counseling, support groups, trauma therapy (EMDR), play therapy for chiltherapy dren, safety planning, advocacy and resources/referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of crime, contact the WRCNM's main office at (231) 347-0067.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers free playgroups for children 0-60 months and their preschool-age siblings. Playgroups help you learn about your child's developmental stages, learn new children's games/activities and share parenting concerns/experiences with other parents and the playgroup facilitator. Playgroups are held in various northern Michigan communities. For current playgroup locations/times, visit www.wrcnm.org or call (231) 347-0067.

BOYNE CITY

BOYNE DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAMS - Toddler Tales & Tunes

every Monday at 10am and Preschool Storytime every Tuesday at 10am. Check website for any date changes. No registration is required. - Yoga with Reb Andrews

9am every Monday, 8 week sessions/\$5 per week - Tai Chi every Wednesday,

9am beginners class, 10am advanced class, cost is \$5 per session - The Boyne District Library

Book Club meets at 7pm. Information at www.boynelibrary.org.

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GLCO brings a "Violin of Hope" played during the Holocaust to Petoskey

fell to the ground, hope rose from the strings of violins.

Music often plays a powerful role in communicating history. This is evident with "Violins of Hope" a collection of over 50 restored violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. These extraordinary instruments have survived concentration camps and ghettos to tell remarkable stories of injustice, suffering, resilience and survival.

One Violin of Hope will sing again in a performance at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts located at 600 Bay Harbor Drive with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performing excerpts from the Mozart Requiem with Chorus, Shostakovich Chamber Symphony in C minor, Schindler's List by John Williams, Partita for String Orchestra by Gideon Klein, and Study for String Orchestra by Pavel Haas. Both Hass and Klein composed these two works while in the Terezin concentration camp. This life changing performance will be held on April 28 at 7pm.



"Violins of Hope" is a collection of over 50 restored violins that were played by Jewish musicians during the Holocaust. Courtesy photo

The collection of violins was assembled and restored by Israeli master violin maker and restorer, Amnon

Weinstein. Nearly 50 years ago, Amnon heard an impactful story from a Holocaust survivor who brought him a violin for restoration. This man survived the Holocaust because his job was to

the violin while Nazi soldiers marched others to their deaths. When Amnon opened the violin's case, he saw ashes. He thought of his own relatives who had perished and was overwhelmed. Amnon put out a call for violins from the Holocaust that he would restore in hopes that the instruments would sound again. Violins of Hope was born.

"There is a saying, 'for the

can reach, God gave us music, the soul's own speech." The stories of human suffering and ultimately hope will be expressed through this incredible instrument.

Tickets for this concert are available online at MyNorthTickets.com or go to glcorchestra.org. For additional questions call the Orchestra office at 231-487-0010. Ticket prices are \$25, \$35 and \$50. Age 18 and under are free.

Area Foundations help sustain grief support efforts

Hospice of Northwest Michigan would like to extend their gratitude for the funding support received through the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the 2019 Grief Support efforts that are taking place in both counties.

In the Fall of 2018, grant proposals were submitted to both foundation offices by Jeanne Marriott, Executive Director of the Hospice of Northwest Michigan agency, to supplement county-specific grief support efforts as they are a component of the hospice philosophy, though not one that is funded continuously through a Medicare or insurance hospice benefit. Securing additional funds through the community foundations has allowed Hospice of Northwest Michigan to host monthly group sessions and a 5week intensive group session led by Pastor Dave Behling, Hospice of Northwest Michigan's Bereavement Counselor.

"We recognize the great need there is for people to have help in managing

their loss," explains Marriott. "It's not a subject that gets taught to you in school. You don't just automatically know how to process the feelings you are experiencing, and that is ok! Pastor Dave is a remarkable soul who helps facilitate great discussions that allow you to recognize and appreciate the loss as part of the natural circle of

The Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded the program a

sum of \$2,500 each. The funding helps cover the costs of the programs including materials, venue space, refreshments, professional time and mileage. Without this funding, it would be very difficult to provide the services throughout the counties. When someone elects hospice, the agency receives funding for every day that person is on the service. Once the person leaves the service, either through death or because they have regained a healthy prognosis and are no longer eligible for the benefit, that

funding stops.

"Our grief support services are available to anyone in the area, free of charge, whether they were on our hospice agency services or another," Marriott stated, "but funding for the programs is always an issue. We are so blessed that both **Petoskey Harbor Springs** Area and Charlevoix County Community Foundations are willing to help us help others in a very difficult time of their lives."

Monthly group sessions are held in Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix as well as several special "Journey

Through Grief" 5-week consecutive intensive group sessions throughout the year in the same areas. To find a Grief Support Group or receive information on Grief Support efforts for individuals or groups, please see our Grief Support Flyer (http://bit.ly/hospicenwm) or contact the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office at 231.547.6092 or email j.marriott@nwhealth.org.

EASTER

The idea of the Easter bunny stemmed from the German tradition of growing eggs each Easter as a reminder of the resurrection of Jesus and the new life offered to believers. From the very early times, the egg has been considered the most important symbol of re-

The tradition of coloring eggs and hiding them at Easter is strictly an American custom, however The Easter hunny tradition made its way across the Atlantic from Germany some years ago and grew in popularity after that.

For Christians around the world, the two great symbols of Easter are the cross and the white lily. The cross represents the suffering of Jesus on behalf of mankind and the white lily is the symbol of His resurrection from the dead on the first Easter morning.

Here are some other interesting facts about

· According to one survey, 63 percent of Americans prefer a chocolate bunny on Easter morning, by far the highest response. Next in line, with just 10 percent, was a marshmallow bunny.

· Each year, 16 billion jellybeans are made for the Easter season (that's enough candy to complete a 60-foot wide Easter egg that stands as tall as a nine-story build-

· Red jellybeans qualify as the most favorite food stuff for kids on Easter.

• In addition, 5 million marshmallow chicks and bunnies are produced daily in anticipation of the Easter season, and 90 million chocolate bun-

· Easter is now celebrated (in the words of the Book of Common Prayer) on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on, or after March 21, the Spring Equinox. The earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest date is April 25.

· Easter marks the final day of the liturgio period in the Christian calendar. It marks the end of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayers and the repentance for one's sins.

• During the Easter season, Americans buy more than 700 million Peeps - making Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

· When taking a bite into a chocolate bunny, 76 percent of Americans prefer to bite off the ears first while 5 percent eat the feet first and 4 percent eat the tail first.

· The tradition of having an Easter egg hunt on the South Lawn of the White House started in 1878 when Rutherford B. Hayes was in office. He and his wife Lucy officially opened the White House grounds to the children of the area for egg rolling on Easter Monday. It became an annual event.

· After Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy-consuming holi-

--Compiled by Mike Dunn



Postscript

Mike Dunn

Resurrection and the reality of a changed life

'Something beautiful, something good; All my confusion, He under-All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife, But He made something beautiful of my life.'

When I consider the lyrics of this popular Christian song by Bill Gaither, I can't help but consider how the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is in the business of changing lives from within.

I've seen this in my own life during the 41 years since I surrendered my life to Him in an Army barracks in Fort Leonard Wood. And I've seen this in the lives of so many others. The greatest miracle of God is still the miracle of resurrection. And by that I mean the miracle of a truly changed life, a life transformed from within by the grace and power of God. A transformation that is likened to the dead becoming alive or, as Jesus called it, being "born again."

We as Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our Savior on Easter and we also celebrate how the Lord, in His goodness, provides resurrection, that which was dead becoming alive, to those who put their trust in Him in this fallen, broken world.

Resurrection is the lifeblood of Christianity. Without resurrection, in fact, there is no genuine Christianity. The Bible says we were completely dead in our trespasses and sins with no hope of redeeming ourselves or changing our own fate. But Jesus died in our place on the cross and that's

the beauty of His sacrifice. God's promise to those who turn to Him in this world

is forgiveness of the sins that separated us from Him. He grants life with Him in the world to come, what Jesus referred to as eternal life. We believe that those who intentionally say yes to the cross of Jesus and follow Him today will go to be with Him forever after death in a place called Heaven. Those who choose to reject this remedy will remain in their sinful state, the Bible says, and face the judgment for their sins

But how can we know if this is true? How can anyone know if Christianity is true?

after they die.

The proof for me personally is in how God worked in my own life and revealed Himself to me when I was a restless young man searching for something real to cling to. Too often as a young man. I turned to alcohol to fill the empty hole I knew existed inside. But everything changed when I turned to Jesus.

The great turning point in my life was the day in January of 1978 when I took the little Gideon New Testament and went off by myself. I had witnessed changes in the lives of my best friend's parents in Philadelphia that they attributed to a relationship with Jesus. I had a friend in my company, Gary Schneider of Hawaii, who daily read the Bible and also lived the life in front of me and everyone. I noticed how he didn't cuss or swear or lose his temper, like me, and how he was patient and caring. And I recognized something else: Gary had an inner peace I didn't have, but that I wanted and needed.

And so I turned in the Gideon testament to the place where the "Sinner's Prayer" was located in the back. I



The resurrection of Jesus points to the reality of resurrection in this world and the world to come for those who choose to follow Him. (photo by Mike Dunn)

prayed it out loud and, as much as I understood at that point, I meant what I was saying. I asked the Lord to forgive my sins and cleanse me. I asked Him to come into my heart and make me a different person. I asked Jesus, the Son of God, to be my Savior.

And He responded. At first I didn't feel any different at all but that was to be expected. This was a rational decision on my part to turn to Jesus, not an emotional one. I knew in my heart, however, that I meant what I prayed and I sensed God did hear me.

Within a few days, I could tell this was real. There was something happening inside that I knew without any question was beyond my own doing. I was changed at the core of my being and I was changing each day from the inside-out. My very nature was different than before. The Bible says in the book of Ro-

mans that God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. I was having that very experience at Fort Leonard Wood and it was incredible.

The promise of Scripture is that God will come to dwell in the heart of those who sincerely invite Him to come. And when God comes. He comes for our benefit. He changes our hearts and grants us the ability to have eyes to see and ears to hear. He speaks to us because now we belong to Him and we, as Christians, have the privilege of knowing and understanding His voice.

When we celebrate Easter, we affirm the reality of resurrection, that Jesus arose from the dead on the third day and that we who belong to Him have also been made alive. And we affirm that He is indeed continuing to make something beautiful and something good of our lives here.

BOYNE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

Arrested subject on multiple warrants at the river mouth restroom Noise complaint from the 500 block of Grant St Alarm going off at res-1200

Lakeshore Arrested subject on 1455 warrant in the 400 block of N Lake St

idence in the 1200 block of

1512 Citation issued for speed at Lake and State. Juvenile skateboarding in the pavilion Suspicious vehicle in

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

the 1300 block of Boyne Av.

Citation issued for Ex-

pired registration on E Lincoln. Report of deer hitting cemetery fence and now laying on the ground injured. Unable

to locate. 0800 Citation issued for speed at Brockway and Beards-

Deer dispatched in front in the 1000 block of Boyne

1840 Request for welfare check in the 800 block of Boyne Av. 1909 Assist Sheriff Dept in

Advance. 2252 Assist EMS on Morgan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 Driving complaint on

Thursday, April 4, 2019 0508 Assist EMS in the 300 block of Silver St.

Report of an eagle

"frozen" to the ice out from the 1 Water St Marina Report of missing dog on East St. Returned home. 1339 Report of lost car key

and fob 1400 Request welfare check in the 400 block of S Park. 1440 Burn permit issued on

Lewis Av 1547 Burn permit issued on E Main St

1550 Report of dog running at large near the 1400 block of

Report of a bear spotted on Terrace Street.

IRS scam attempt reported from the 300 block of E Division St 2030 Assist Sheriff Dept on

US 131 2314 Noise complaint on W Main St

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

0024 Disturbance reported on W Main St. All Calm upon

arrival. 0041 Report of a disturbance on W Main St Burn permit issued on Lewis Av

Walloon Ct.

1258 Found cell phone dropped off at PD. Returned to owner. Assist Sheriff Dept on 1936

Found bike on Park St 2005 Motorist assist in the 400 block of N Lake St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

Intoxicated possibly suicidal subject on Poplar St. Report of intoxicated subjects in women's bathroom at rivers mouth again. Suspicious situation 0956 reported from the 1000 block of Bovne Av

1310 Motorist assist in the 400 block of N Lake St. 2003 Lodged stray dog at

shelter Traffic stop turned 2326 into a medical issue at Division and First. Transported to hospital by EMS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

Intoxicated subject on River St 1222 Report of wallet lost

downtown last night. 1614 Civil complaint in the

600 block of Jersey St 1729 Disturbance reported in the 800 block of Brockway St. Subject driving a go

kart around Brockway St 1853 Assist EMS in the 100 block of N Park St

2146 Assist Sheriff Dept. on 131.

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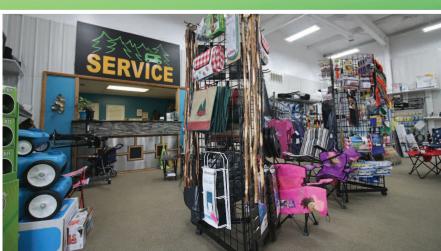


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